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Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced that Iowa Northern Railway Company will receive a \$2,174,880 grant from the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Rehabilitation and Repair Program to repair the downed railroad bridge in Waterloo. Braley wrote a letter of support for Iowa Northern's grant application.

"Rebuilding this important bridge will help save and create jobs and boost economic development by restoring a needed route for area businesses," Braley said. "Rebuilding infrastructure damaged by last year's floods is essential to getting life back to normal for Iowa residents, producers, and businesses. I'm glad our efforts to secure federal funding for Iowa Northern were successful."

Braley worked to include the Railroad Rehabilitation and Repair Program in the second disaster relief package, which was passed by the House last September. The grant program provides funding to rebuild rail infrastructure damaged by natural disasters.

The collapsed bridge adds a 300 mile detour to rail transport throughout the area. Attached is the letter Braley sent in support of Iowa Northern's grant application.